(c) if so, whether security concern has become important due to a large number of channels and "with Direct-to-Home" (DTH)" broadcasting set to take off in a big way; and

(d) if so, to what extent Home Ministry has taken this issue seriously and are likely to monitor this hostile propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) All satellite TV channels and Radio Broadcast are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes laid down by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The Codes *inter-alia* prohibit hostile propaganda.

(b) The Central Monitoring Services have been transferred from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to the National Technical Research Organization under the National Security Council for functional requirements.

(c) and (d) Various safeguards prohibiting undesirable activities, sufficient provisions for monitoring and inspection and to deal with other national security issues have been laid down in the terms and conditions of the DTH licence agreement.

**Road connectivity**

*399. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to ensure road connectivity to all the habitations with population more than 500 in plain areas and more than 250 in hilly States by the year 2007;

(b) if so, the funds required for the purpose;

(c) whether there is any shortfall *vis-a-vis* target to generate these funds; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to meet the requirement of additional funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched in December, 2000 envisaged providing all weather road

connectivity to all rural habitations with population of 500 and above in plain areas and 250 and above in Hill States (North East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert areas and Tribal areas (Schedule V) by the year 2007.

(b) As per estimates based on the Core Network survey, the requirement for achieving the goals would be about Rs. 1,32,000 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The requirement of additional funds would be met *inter-alia* from the continuing flow of the diesel cess as well as borrowings from External Funding Agencies like Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB).

**IAF hellicopter crashes**

*400. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF helicopter crashed during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for each crash; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent them in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Till date, a total number of 8 helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have crashed during the last three years. The details, along with the cause of each accident, are as follow:-

| Sl. No. | Date of accident | Cause of accident |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 12th April, 2002 | Human Error (Aircrew) |
| 2. | 5th September, 2002 | Human Error (Servicing) |
| 3. | 31st July, 2003 | Technical Defect |
| 4. | 4th March, 2004 | Human Error (Aircrew) |
| 5. | 22nd April, 2004 | Human Error (Aircrew) |
| 6. | 26th July, 2004 | Human Error (Aircrew) |
| 7. | 30th December, 2004 | Human Error (Aircrew) |
| 8. | 1st February, 2005 | Tehnical Defect |